OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Father[illegible]", Psalm 10:14.

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THE HARVEST OF LOVE.

Mary F. Butts.

O the harvest of beauty?
The harvest of love?
The joy-giving sunbeams,
Sent down from above?
The soft falling rain drops,
The [illegible]
The winds that [illegible]
Go merrily by!

O the glad little people
Who live without care
In the beautiful, fragrant
Regions of air!
O dear, lovely neighbors
In hedges and bowers!
Ah, what were our earth-life
Bereft of the flowers!

We number our blessings,
Dear Father of all!
As leaves in the forest
That flourish and fall.
Yet our grateful hearts value,
All treasures above,
The harvest of beauty,
The harvest of love.

Our Monthly.

It seems that there are troublesome girls as well as bad boys. We print the following extract from a letter, as in another case without any clue to the writer, to call attention to the several [illegible] tie[illegible]:

I am informed by a lady friend [illegible] I can place in your home for $5 a month a girl 15 years of age. She is [illegible] enough to be of some assistance in the home; I have spared no pains in trying to teach her. She is an adopted daughter and since she has grown older, she does not seem to appreciate anything I do for her as I does all we can to make my home [illegible]. She is free to others and I do not seem to delight in doing things for me.

Now to all this we desire to say:

1st. A bad boy is bad enough, but a bad girl is something we don't know now how to tackle. Therefore we are always grateful to be informed before hand. This girl is sixteen years old. She is a young lady. We can hardly begin our work on such an advanced case.

2nd. This child is an adopted child. Her parents are dead. She is in the hands of another. Parties often write to us, asking us to select a child for their adoption. No relation-ship need be more tender and sweet than this, but none is more dangerous. It takes a very wise man or woman to treat an adopted child, with unknown temperament and tendency and without a previous love on the part of the child, so as to cause happiness to both parties to be the result. It is not a haphazard affair. This relation is not to be broken at the will of either party. And the heart is implicated. Hence, we invariably refuse to be the go-between in such matters. Neither do we respond, when some young fellow asks us to pick him out a wife.

We are sorry for this good lady.

3rd. This good lady is mistaken. We don't run a boarding school. We would want at least five times as much as she offers; and even then would be compelled to say, "Wait till we have attended to all the fatherless, motherless children, who have no helpers."

We are sorry for the child. Both are in an unnatural position. There is something wrong at the bottom. They have our sympathy, but the case is beyond us.

A lady who is interested in some orphan children writes to us asking the following question:

1. Are there three vacancies, if not three, are there two, or one?
2. If the mother were to send one, two, or three to Thornwell, and after some time there should be vacancy for her and all the children in the Masonic Home, would you be willing for her to have the children?
3. If she ever had an opportunity to [illegible] the children, would you be willing [illegible] to do so?

As many others may feel inclined to ask just such questions, we reply as follows:

1st. There is not even *one* vacancy in the Orphanage. As applicants are received, they are sifted out, and arranged in lists on the following general principles. 1. Orphans who are deprived of both parents have the first preference. 2. Presbyterian orphans are given the preference over but not to the exclusion of others. This includes as Presbyterians, children recommended by Presbyterian Pastors and Sessions. 3. Localities where much has been done for the orphans, and from which no orphans have been received are considerately regarded when application is made. 4. When Churches or Societies desire us to receive a child, and promise its support, we try to receive it. This does not apply to relatives of the child. When a vacancy occurs this roll is studied and the child apparently most available is given the place. New applications are always in order, are always carefully enrolled in a book, and take their turn in being received. We sometimes skip over several equally deserving to give the place to the oldest, especially if near the limit of age at which we drop applicants, viz., thirteen years.

2nd. Mothers have entire control over their children after they come to us, as much as if they were at an ordinary school. We have no *legal* authority over our orphans. Mothers may, therefore remove their children at a moment's notice. We have the legal right to withold the child, at *the child's own request*, from any other relative but the mother.

3rd. We are always glad to have mothers visit their children and spend several days and nights each year, in the house with their children. Usually, at commencement times and Christmas we are over crowded with our own "children" who come back to see us, so that those occasions are unsuitable for mother's visits, but at any other time they are welcome. We know that other institutions seriously object to this, but as we require that mothers shall be good women, as a necessary factor in the application, we can always welcome them. In twenty-two years experience, we have never had anything but pleasure result from the visit of any mothers to the Institution. Other relatives are also permitted, but this must be by special request.

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Here is a letter after the sort of some we receive occasionally. We publish it for the sake of the comments we make for information to the public. It refers to a boy whose admission to the Orphanage was asked for,

He is a very wayward boy of 12 years, and his father being dead, his mother in very feeble health, she is unable to control him properly. In fact he positively refuses to obey her orders.

And now she is desirous of placing him in the Orphanage where he will be compelled to obey orders. And she hopes he will make a man of himself.

If he cannot enter him otherwise she is will to pay something in order that he may be under proper care.

Please let me know if you can take the young man, on what terms and on what date?

There are some things about this application that entitles it to consideration.

1st. The Father of this lad is dead.

2nd. The mother is in feeble health,

3rd. The "young man" is only 12 years of age.

But there are other things that preclude him from consideration

1st, He is a wayward, disobedient boy. We cannot undertake to introduce a boy as old as he is, who thinks himself a "young man" and positively refuses to obey his mother, among younger boys, to corrupt and ruin them. We don't "compell" our boys, "to obey orders," except by refusing the privileges of the institution to those who willfully disobey. We have neither jail nor cow hide for the disobedient. We give them their discharge. Hence this lad and others like him would not be eligible. We have sacred money to spend and we can spend it only for those who deserve help.

2nd. We do not propose to help parents undo their own work. When lads are past mending by their mothers, they need not hope to turn the spoiled job to us. We find plenty of clever orphans to educate, and people like to help that sort. This is not a Reformatory. The State needs such, and to such the reckless boy should be sent.

3rd. The offer to pay makes the case yet more complicated. We do not do this work for pay. The more a mother can pay [illegible] less we want her child. [illegible] help herself and [illegible] to her child, we are [illegible] ious for that child, than if she could pay forty dollars a month.

"Keep Your Top Cool".

A. R. Presbyterian.

It is reported of Artemas Ward that he once offered his flask of whisky to the driver of the stage on which he was riding through a mountainous section. The stage driver refused in the most decided tones. He said:

"I don't drink; I won't drink; I don't like to see anybody else drink. I am of the opinion of those mountains—keep your top cool! They've got snow, and I've got brain; that's all the difference."

There is a deal of wisdom in his remark "Keep your top cool." Without a sound brain man is not of much use in the world. Alcohol, whether in beer, cider, wine brandy, or whiskey, is a foe of the brain; and when it gets there inflames it, and renders it unfit for use. Be like the veteran stage driver, and resolve to "keep your top cool."

Ruskin.

Make it the first morning business of your life to understand some part of the Bible clearly, and make it your daily business to obey it in all that you do understanp

OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

BARIUM SPRINGS, N. C.,

Wednesday June 9, 1897

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How to send Money and Supplies to the Orphans' Home.

All money should be sent to Mr. Jno E. Oates, Treasuer. Charlotte, N. C., but if corresponding with the Superintendent, Rev. R. W. Boyd, Barium Springs N. C., and wishing to enclose a remittance, the Money Order should be drawn on Statesville, N. C. as Barium Springs is not a order office.

All supplies sent by freight, or express will be stopped at Barium Springs if charges are prepaid. If charges are not prepaid, supplies should be sent to Troutman, N. C.. To get supplies forwarded without charge, application must be previously made to the general manager of freights through the local agent.

☞ *Notice of all shipments should be promptly sent to the Superintendent.*

Motto Texts.

June 13-30. Psalm 113:6. Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in the heaven, and in the e[illegible]

June [illegible] Psalm 113:7. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill.

We are rejoiced to know that the Sunday School of the first church of Greensboro will visit the Orphans' Home on June 15 and we hope the excursion may prove attractive in every way. Our big family will give them a warm welcome and do all in our power to make the day a pleasant one.

Almost all our helpers—clothing children at the Orphans' Home—have sent in summer outfits, and we wish to thank them most cordially for this help. Not merely for the expense in the way of purchasing materials they have saved us, but for the great assistance they have rendered by sending the clothing ready for wearing.

Mr. Traman Chapman, Concord, N.C. has placed the Orphans' Home under obligations by the donation of a large lot of sweet potato plants and many valuable suggestions as to the best methods of cultivating them and of preserving the tubers after harvesting, so as to have potatoes for our large family all the year round. If we succeed our readers shall hear from us again on the subject.

Let all church treasurers and Sunday School treasurers see if any thing can be forwarded by them to the Orphans' Home. We have reached that period of the year when the funds are always low in our treasury, and every cent that can be secured is urgently needed to tide over the summer months. We thank, in advance, every treasurer for all he may send.

The attention of our readers is called to the leading article on the first page of this paper. It is from the pen of Rev. Dr. Jacobs President of the Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, S. C.. Taken all in all, it is perhaps the most admirably conducted orphanage in the South. Out of an experience of more than twenty years Dr. Jacobs drops thought after thought worthy to be treasured by every one having anything to do with children, and especially every one having the care of orphans.

Among the monthly contributors to the Orphans' Home one of the first and most persistent is High Point sunday school. As regularly as a new month opens comes a check for $5 00 from the Treasurer of the school. It is never delayed, it is never omitted. If the Orphans' Home had 70 such contributors—contributing an equal amount with equal punctuality- no better endowment could be wanted or would be asked. All praise to the High Point sunday school.

The tap of the hammer and the buzz of the saw are not longer heard at the Centre Building. All there is as still as death. If the merry ring of girlish laughter, the cheerful song of light hearts, the light tripping of busy feet were substituted for the noise of the builders tools we would not only be content but be made glad by the change. But as we pass the silent building and see the unpainted doors—marring the external appearance of a most handsome building—closed and remember that that fair exterior encloses many empty unfinished rooms, the capacious dining room, the convenient chapel and school rooms, and airy bed-chambers needing only a few strokes to fit them for the occupancy of many needy fatherless ones, and that these strokes cannot be added for the want of a few hundred dollars, our heart grows sad and a silent prayer ascends to Him to whom the gold and silver belong and in whose hands are the hearts of all men that He may send speedily the funds necessary to the opening of the building to them for whom He has taught us to labor and to pray.

Synodical Evangelist.

On Sunday afternoon a visit was paid to Troutman's, where Rev. W. R. McClelland has recently built a beautitul little church. The congregation is an interesting one in itself, but strangers are especially attracted by the children from the Barium Springs Orphanage, who fill up one side of the church. The looks of the children are a sufficient testimony to the care and the love that is bestowed upon them. Everything is managed with the thoroughness that we believe to be a characteristic of Presbyterians, and no better home could be found than this for those whose parents have been taken from them. It was a pleasure to meet two little girls whose pretty dresses and hats came to them from two societies in Fayetteville Church, and a bright faced boy who is supported by kind friends here.

[The Orphans' Home was much pleased with Mr. McKilway's sermon and many of the children had a kind word to say to the Superintendent on his return about their enjoyment of the sermon. The Superintendent regretted his absence on the occasion, and also that circumstances would not permit Mr. McKilway to stop a while at the Orphans' Home.]

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HOME HAPPENINGS.

—The girls transplant flowers after nearly every shower.

—The Ladies of Goshen church, Mecklenburg Presbytery, will provide clothing for Joe Whitman.

—We wish to thank our neighbor, Mrs. W. H. Lippard, for the lettuce she so kindly furnished our table.

—We have much for gratitude in the restored health of little Lena and the promise of returning health to Mrs. Rice.

—Little Bryant, for so long our handsome little man in kilts, is such a big boy now. He has actually lost one of his *baby teeth*. Now when he smiles it is always to display a missing

—We were glad to have with us recently Mr. Monroe, of Lenoir, and Mr. Tufts. They spent a night with us on their way to a called meeting of Concord Presbytesy at Mooresville.

Mrs. Smith's Sunday School Class of the Sunday School, First Church Greensboro is added to our list of Monthly Contributors. Ah! how pleased are we to see that list grow.

—The roses received from Mrs. Chase, of Alabama, have had some blooms. Next year they will be beautiful. Our children love flowers, and the rose is a particular favorite, and of easy culture.

—Janie Bradford was delighted at the reception of her box of summer clothing from Mrs. Castex, of Goldsboro. Mrs. Castex is so kind to Janie that she has completely won the little girl's heart.

☞ *Do not fail to read the advertisements found in the columns of* OUR FATHERLESS ONES *and in answering any of them please do not fail to state that you saw the advertisement in this paper. This will help us, and, in turn, help you, as the more profitable the paper becomes the more time, labor and money can be devoted to the improvement of it.*

—Miss Deaton entertained her Honor Roll some evenings since. Deft fingers decorated the room for them. The children always enjoy these occasions so much. Their evening with Miss Deaton is looked forward to during the entire month. Their teacher knows just how to entertain children and especially when they have put forth their best efforts in the school room the previous month. Often a failure to get a place on the Honor Roll causes bitter tears for past negligence and renewed determination for all time to come.

—The Crocker children have been invited to accompany the Sunday School of the First Church, Greensboro, on their excursion to Davidson College. We are glad that the *little* ones can have this outing. These *little* children came to us from that congregation.

—The earthquake shook us up considerably, though no damage was done. The workmen ran out of the new building. The children in school did not at first understand it. It was the first time many of them had had this experience. No one was seriously alarmed, and an interesting subject for discussion was furnished the children.

—Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York, has undertaken the support of two of our orphan children, a little boy and girl. This kind friend has done much for us. This aid comes in a time when it is much needed. Our support fund is always low during the summer months.

—Next month is the time for the picnic at Mooresville, and it is well, for on that occasion our well-nigh empty treasury will be replenished. God grant that this year the picnic may be even more successful than here-to-fore.

—The recent copious showers have benefited our garden. There is always rejoicing when we have vegetables in abundance. They make living cheaper, which is very desirable when our funds are so low. We hope that the gentle showers fall on many broad "Oran's Acres" throughout the state, which in good time will yield a rich harvest for our orphan household.

—Four more of our girls have finished memorizing the Shorter Catechism. It is a "Red Letter Day" with them when they have recited it perfectly to the Superintendent. The girls are Minnie Reynolds, Sallie Lineberger, Jennie Maiden and Lula Mann. Sallie can ask and answer the questions from memory from beginning to end of the catechism, but has not yet done that to the Superintendent.

—The devotion of Sallie Lineberger to her little sister Lena during Lena's recent severe illness was beautiful. Poor little Lena was fretful, but both night and day found the patient elder sister ever ready to do all in her power for the comfort of the little sufferer.

—Our little Anna Bailey spent about four weeks with her "clothing people" the "Busy Bees" of Sugar Creek congregation. She was at the hospitable home of Mrs. Chas. Caldwell. Anna enjoyed her trip immensely and never tires of telling her playmates of sayings and doings of the weeks during her visit. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and their dear children for the happiness showered in little Anna's life.

—Little Bessie Reynolds is away from the Home for a month's visit. Miss Lily Tidball, of Taylorsville, "borrowed" Bessie to be with her during her brother, Rev. W. J. Tidball's, absence from home. This visit will do the little girl much good. We are glad to "lend" our little folks for a short stay in cultured, christian families. It is well for them to learn something of family life and is particularly enjoyable for them. We thank Miss Tidball most cordially for this treat for our little girl. Bessie took her doll and a number of fairy tales with her. Miss Tidball kindly offered to keep up her studies during this absence, but Bessie is a bright little girl and we decided the rest would do her no harm.

—Irene Lesslie congratulated herself that on the night of Mr. Monroe's visit it happened that the bread served for tea was of her own making and she had been very successful with it. Irene is clothed by the ladies of Mr. Monroe's church. Of course she appreciated all the nice things he said about her skill in bread making. What little girl of 11 years that had made bread for a family of 90 would not?

—To the list of Our Helpers has been added the Ladies of Warsaw church. They clothe Thornwell Gibson the youngest of the printing office boys. In asking us to make a selection they stipulated that the boy should be "bright and fine looking." Not only did we give this, but also a boy of fine character, one we have never known to swerve from the truth.

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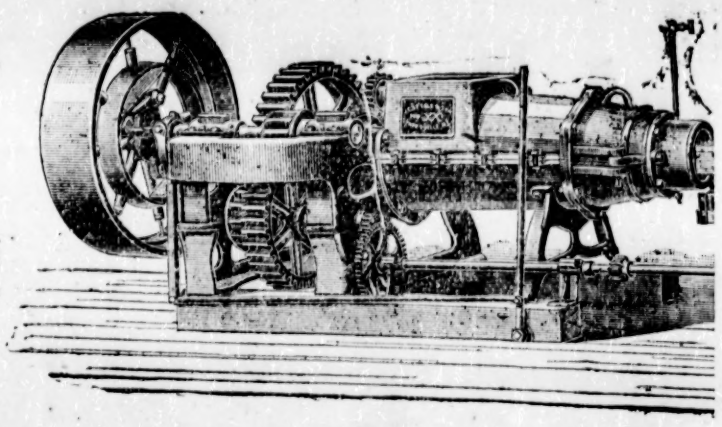

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